

RESOLUTION 9-C-04

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING PRIORITIES FOR ROAD PROJECTS IN THIS TOWN AND REQUESTING THE AID OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA IN ACCOMPLISHING THESE PROJECTS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Blacksburg that:

1. This Council hereby re-establishes priorities for the construction, reconstruction, or improvement of roads within the Town of Blacksburg. The Town requests urban allocations to be used for these projects. If the Town cancels any of these projects it will reimburse the Virginia Department of Transportation all money spent for those projects. All road projects should include bike lanes, trails, sidewalks and other amenities as called for in the Blacksburg Comprehensive Plan. The projects which this Town supports, in the priority order in which the Town desires construction, are as follows:

- (a) Toms Creek Road/460 Bypass Interchange- This project is currently in the final design phase with construction anticipated to begin in 2004.
- (b) Main Street Improvements, Downtown Master Plan- This project will include a roundabout at the intersection of Prices Fork and Main Street, and other eligible improvements consistent with the Blacksburg Downtown Master Plan.
- (c) Intersection Improvements- The three critical intersections to be addressed as part of this project include Ellett Road at South Main Street, Prices Fork Road at West Campus Drive, and Prices Fork Road at Tom ' s Creek Road to enhance pedestrian safety and traffic flow.
- (d) North Main Street Improvements- This project is to widen Main Street to four lanes with landscaped medians, bike lanes, trails, and sidewalks from Giles Road to Mount Tabor Road, and shall include realigning Mount Tabor Road with Givens Lane.
- (e) Givens Lane Improvements and Progress Street Extension- This project widens Givens Lane to include bike lanes and sidewalks from Main Street to Chickahominy Drive. It will also extend Progress Street from its current terminus to Givens Lane.
- (f) Intersection Improvement to University City Boulevard and Prices Fork- This will be either an improved signalized intersection or a round-a-bout. This will also include a pedestrian bridge crossing Prices Fork. Funding from the Town for the bridge shall not exceed \$300,000.

- (g) Huckleberry Trail Extension- This will add over 3.5 miles to an existing multi-purpose trail, beginning at the intersection of 460 By-pass and ending at Heritage Park.

2. This Council requests the financial and technical aid and support of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Transportation, in the accomplishment of these projects in the order of priority listed.

3. This resolution supersedes all prior resolutions of this Council on the same subject.

4. The Town Clerk is directed to mail a copy of this resolution to Philip Shucet, Commissioner, to Richard L. Caywood, P.E., Salem District Engineer, David Clarke, Resident Engineer, and to Leo Rutledge, Urban Projects Manager, Virginia Department of Transportation.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Town Clerk

Date of Adoption:_____